

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GENERAL SERVICES

830 MoDOT DRIVE - P.O. BOX 270

JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65109

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SEALED BIDS, SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED CONDITIONS WILL
BE RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE UNTIL

2:00 p.m., Local Time, February 26, 2008

AND THEN PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ FOR FURNISHING
THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES OR SERVICES.

**BIDS TO BE BASED F.O.B. MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

Submit net bid as cash discount stipulations will not be considered

Various MoDOT Locations

DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE SHOULD BE SHOWN. SIGN AND RETURN BEFORE TIME SET FOR OPENING. **ALL BIDS
SHOULD BE EXTENDED AND TOTALED.**

BUYER: Leann Kottwitz

BUYER TELEPHONE: 573- 751-3685

BUYER EMAIL:

Leann.Kottwitz@modot.mo.gov

SUPPLIES OR SERVICES

FIBER OPTIC TRAINING

To establish pricing for "Fiber Optic Training" with an effective date of
Notice to Proceed and ending June 15, 2008 in accordance with the following pages.

Components of Agreement: The Agreement between MHTC and the successful Bidder shall consist of: the RFB and any written amendments thereto, the "Standard Bid/Proposal Provisions, General Terms and Conditions and Special Terms and Conditions" that are attached to this RFB, the bid submitted by the Bidder in response to the RFB and the post-award contract agreement signed between the parties or purchase order. However, MHTC reserves the right to clarify any relationship in writing and such written clarification shall govern in case of conflict with the applicable requirements stated in the RFB or the Bidder's bid. The Bidder is cautioned that its bid shall be subject to acceptance by MHTC without further clarification.

Return sealed bid to the address shown at the top of this page.

(SEE ATTACHED FOR CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS)

In compliance with the above Request For Bid, and subject to all conditions thereof, the undersigned bidder agrees to furnish and deliver any or all the items on which prices were bid within the timeframe specified herein, after receipt of formal purchase order.

Date: _____

Firm Name: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Address: _____

Fax No.: _____

Federal I.D. No. _____

By (Signature): _____

Email Address: _____

Type/Print Name _____

Form E-103 (Rev. 11-04)

Title: _____

1. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Introduction:

- 1.1.1 This Request For Bid seeks bids from qualified organizations to provide Fiber Optic Training located at a MoDOT facility, to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Each bid must be mailed in a sealed envelope to Ms. Leann Kottwitz, General Services Procurement Unit, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, Mo 65102, or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope to the General Services Procurement Office in the Highway and Transportation Building at 830 MoDOT Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109. All questions regarding the RFB shall be submitted to Ms. Leann Kottwitz. Bids must be returned to the office of Ms. Leann Kottwitz no later than 2:00 p.m., CST, February 26, 2008.

RFB Coordinator:

Ms. Leann Kottwitz

Missouri Department of Transportation

830 MoDOT Drive

Jefferson City, MO 65109

PHONE: 573-751-3685

FAX: 573-526-1218

1.2 General Information:

- 1.2.1 This document constitutes an invitation for competitive, sealed bids for the procurement of Fiber Optic Training as set forth herein.
- 1.2.2 Organization - This document, referred to as a Request for Bid (RFB), is divided into the following parts:
- 1) Introduction and General Information
 - 2) Scope of Work
 - 3) Bid Submission
 - 4) Pricing Page(s)
 - 5) Signature Page(s)
 - 6) Terms and Conditions
- 1.2.3 Note to Respondent - A vendor must be in compliance with the laws regarding conducting business in the State of Missouri. The compliance to conduct business in the state shall include but may not be limited to: Registration of business name, vendors MUST submit a bid that correctly and accurately identifies the company name that is registered to do business in the State of Missouri. All vendors who are required to execute a contractual agreement MUST submit a copy of their certificate with the signed copy of the contract agreement before the purchasing department can proceed with MoDOT legal contract approval.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

2.1 General Requirements:

- 2.1.1 The bidder shall provide Fiber Optic training for the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission (MHTC) and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), in accordance with the provisions and requirements stated herein.
- 2.1.2 The bidder shall provide all deliverables/services to the sole satisfaction of MoDOT.
- 2.1.3 Training should be facilitated to allow trainees to select to attend one or both sessions of training. Training will be held in two locations, at two separate time periods, at MoDOT facilities. Locations and dates of the trainings can be negotiated. MoDOT can provide some audio-visual equipment, depending on type. Lunch will be provided for attendees and instructors. It is estimated to have 40 – 60 trainees for each training. Minimum attendance will be 20. When and where possible, hands-on experience is desirable. If needed, trainees could bring connectors and connecting devices. MoDOT can provide copying of any training material.

2.2 Specific Requirements:

- 2.2.1 The bidder shall provide MoDOT with Fiber Optic training in accordance with the requirements stated herein.

Design and Construction

- Basic fiber principles
- Differences in single-mode and multimode fiber
- Duct bank installation
- Review of available connector types and industry focus
- Proper selection of fiber cable designs
- Selecting products for use in a fiber system
- Writing cost effective specifications
- Installation checklist to verify specifications are met as written
- What is OTDR and analyzing OTDR traces
- Loss budget design

Maintenance and Troubleshooting

- Safety in working with fiber
- Understanding light source and eye protection
- Pulling and prepping cables
- Degreasing and installation break out protection
- Installation of anaerobic and no-polish connectors
- Testing with continuity tester, power meter, light source and OTDR
- Trouble shooting fiber systems
- Testing fiber on the reels and midspan
- Fusion splicing pigtails and cables
- Review of existing test and termination equipment
- Assist in preparing tooling needs for future budget allocation

- 2.2.2 Training shall be completed and invoiced by June 15, 2008.

3. BID SUBMISSION

3.1 Bid Submission Information:

3.1.1 All bids must be received in a sealed envelope clearly marked "**Fiber Optic Training**".

3.1.2 All bids must be received at the following address no later than February 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., CST.

The Missouri Department of Transportation
General Services – Procurement Division
Attn: Leann Kottwitz
830 MoDOT Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109

3.1.3 The bidder may withdraw, modify or correct his bid after it has been deposited with the Department provided such request is submitted in writing and received at the location designated for the bid opening prior to the time specified for opening bids. Such a request received as specified will be attached to the bid and the bid will be considered to have been modified accordingly. No bid may be modified after the time specified for the opening of bids.

3.1.4 Open Competition / Request For Bid Document:

- a. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to ask questions, request changes or clarification, or otherwise advise MoDOT if any language, specifications or requirements of an RFB appear to be ambiguous, contradictory, and/or arbitrary, or appear to inadvertently restrict or limit the requirements stated in the RFB to a single source. Any and all communication from bidders regarding specifications, requirements, competitive bid process, etc., must be directed to the buyer from MoDOT, unless the RFB specifically refers the bidder to another contact. Such communication should be received at least three (3) working days prior to the official bid opening date.
- b. Every attempt shall be made to ensure that the bidder receives an adequate and prompt response. However, in order to maintain a fair and equitable bid process, all bidders will be advised, via the issuance of an amendment to the RFB, of any relevant or pertinent information related to the procurement. Therefore, bidders are advised that unless specified elsewhere in the RFB, any questions received less than three (3) working days prior to the RFB opening date may not be answered.
- c. Bidders are cautioned that the only official position of the State of Missouri is that which is issued by MoDOT in the RFB or an amendment thereto. No other means of communication, whether oral or written, shall be construed as a formal or official response or statement.
- d. MoDOT monitors all procurement activities to detect any possibility of deliberate restraint of competition, collusion among bidders, price-fixing by bidders, or any other anticompetitive conduct by bidders which appears to violate state and federal antitrust laws. Any suspected violation shall be referred to the Missouri Attorney General's Office for appropriate action.

3.1.5 Bids will be reviewed to determine if the bid complies with the mandatory requirements, and to determine the lowest and best bid.

3.1.6 *Award* – The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder determined as specified above.

- a. Award of this bid will be made on an "All Or Nothing" basis using the "lowest and best" principle of award.

3.1.7 **NOTE:** The bidder must be in compliance with the laws regarding conducting business in the State of Missouri. Within ten (10) business days of notification, the bidder will need to provide a copy of his/her Missouri Secretary of State's "Certificate of Good Standing" prior to the issuance of any contract or initial purchase order by MoDOT.

4. PRICING PAGE

- 4.1 Fiber Optic Training** - The bidder shall provide a firm, fixed price in the table below for the original contract period for providing the services in accordance with the provisions and requirements of this RFB. All costs associated with providing the required services shall be included in the prices stated below.

Fiber Optic Training				
Item #	Description	Estimated Trainees	Original Contract Period <i>Firm, Fixed Price</i>	<i>Extended Price</i>
001	Design and Construction	40-60	\$ _____ <i>per trainee</i>	\$ _____
002	Maintenance and Troubleshooting	40-60	\$ _____ <i>per trainee</i>	\$ _____
003	Certification, if desired		\$ _____ <i>per trainee</i>	\$ _____
GRAND TOTAL				\$ _____

Signature

Date

PREFERENCE IN PURCHASING PRODUCTS

DATE: _____

The bidders attention is directed to Section 34.076 RSMo 2000 which gives preference to Missouri corporations, firms, and individuals when letting contracts or purchasing products.

Bids/Quotations received will be evaluated on the basis of this legislation.

All vendors submitting a bid/quotation must furnish ALL information requested below.

FOR CORPORATIONS:

State in which incorporated: _____

FOR OTHERS:

State of domicile: _____

FOR ALL VENDORS:

List address of Missouri offices or places of business:

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED:

FIRM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

BY (signature required): _____

Federal Tax I.D. #: _____ if no Federal Tax I.D. # - list Social Security #: _____

NOTE: For bid/quotation to be considered, the "Preference in Purchasing Products" form must be on file in the General Services (Procurement) Division and must be dated in the current calendar year.

MISSOURI DOMESTIC PRODUCTS PROCUREMENT ACT

The bidder's attention is directed to the Missouri Domestic Products Procurement Act, Sections 34.350 to 34.359, RsMO, which requires all manufactured goods or commodities used or supplied in the performance of this contract or any subcontract to be manufactured or produced in the United States.

Section 34.355, RsMO, requires the vendor or contractor to certify his compliance with Section 34.353 and, if applicable, Section 34.359, RsMO, at the time of bidding **and** prior to payment. Failure to comply with Section 34.353, RsMO, during the performance of the contract **and** to provide certification of compliance prior to payment will result in nonpayment for those goods or commodities.

Section 34.353.2, RsMO, specifies that it does not apply where the total contract is less than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). If your total bid is Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or more, you **must** complete this form as directed below.

Failure to complete and return this document with this bid will cause the State to presume the manufactured goods or products listed in the bid are not manufactured or produced in the United States, and the bid will be evaluated on that basis. Please read the certification appearing below on this form.

- ☐ If all the goods or products specified in the attached bid which the bidder proposes to supply to the State shall be manufactured or produced in the "United States" as defined in Section 34.350, RsMO, check the box at left.
- ☐ If only one item of any particular goods or products specified in the attached bid is manufactured or produced in the "United States" as defined in Section 34.350, RsMO, check the box at left and list the items (or item number) here:
- ☐ If any or all of the goods or products specified in the attached bid which the bidder proposes to supply to the State are **not** manufactured or produced in the "United States" as defined in Section 34.350, RsMO, then: (a) check the box at left; (b) list below, by item (or item number), the country other than the United States where each good or product is manufactured or produced; and (c) check the boxes to the left of the paragraphs below if applicable and list the corresponding items (or item numbers) in the spaces provided.

Item (or item number)	Location Where Item Manufactured or Produced

(attach an additional sheet if necessary)

- ☐ The following specified goods or products cannot be manufactured or produced in the United States in sufficient quantities or in time to meet the contract specifications. Items (or item numbers): _____
- ☐ The following specified goods or products must be treated as manufactured or produced in the United States, in accordance with an existing treaty, law, agreement, or regulation of the United States, including a treaty between the United States and any foreign country regarding export-import restrictions or international trade. Items (or item numbers): _____

CERTIFICATION

By submitting this document, completed as directed above, with a bid, the bidder certifies under penalty of making false declaration (Section 575.060, RsMO) that the information contained in this document is true, correct and complete, and may be relied upon by the State in determining the bidders qualifications under and in compliance with the Missouri Domestic Products Procurement Act.

The bidder's failure to complete and return this document with the bid as directed above will cause the State to presume the manufactured goods or products listed in the bid are not manufactured or produced in the United States, and the bid will be evaluated on that basis pursuant to Section 34.353.3(2), RsMO.

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STANDARD SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

- a. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) reserves the right to reject any or all bids/quotes/proposals, and to accept or reject any items thereon, and to waive technicalities. In case of error in the extension of prices in the bid/quote/proposal, unit prices will govern.
- b. All bids/quotes/proposals must be signed with the firm name and by a responsible officer or employee. Obligations assumed by such signature must be fulfilled.
- c. By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to materials, products, supplies, provisions and all other articles produced, manufactured, made or grown, within the State of Missouri.
- d. Time of delivery is a part of the consideration and, if not otherwise stated in the solicitation documents, must be stated in definite terms by the Bidder/Offeror and must be adhered to. If time varies on different items, the Bidder/Offeror shall so state.
- e. If providing bids/quotes/proposals for commodities, the Bidder/Offeror will state brand or make on each item. If bidding or proposing other than the make, model or brand specified, the manufacturer's name, model number or catalog number must be given.
- f. **For bids/proposals of \$25,000 or more, no bids/proposals by telephone, telegram or telefax will be accepted.**
- g. The date specified for the returning of bids/quotes/proposals is a firm deadline and all bids/quotes/proposals must be received at the designated office by that time. The Department does not recognize the U.S. Mail, Railway Express Agency, Air Express, or any other organization, as its agent for purposes of accepting proposals. All proposals arriving at the designated office after the deadline specified will be rejected.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

General Performance

- a. This work is to be performed under the general supervision and direction of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and, if awarded any portion of the work, the Contractor agrees to furnish at his own expense all labor and equipment required to complete the work, it being expressly understood that this solicitation is for completed work based upon the price(s) specified and is not a solicitation for rental of equipment or employment of labor by MoDOT, and MoDOT is to have no direction or control over the employees used by the Contractor in performance of the work.

Deliveries

- a. Unless otherwise specified on the solicitation documents or purchase order, suppliers shall give at least 24 hours advance notice of each delivery. Delivery will only be received between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Material arriving after 3:00 p.m. will not be unloaded until the following workday. No material will be received on Saturday, Sunday or state holidays.
- b. If the prices bid herein include the delivery cost of the material, the Contractor agrees to pay all transportation charges on the material as FOB - Destination. Freight costs must be included in the unit price bid and not listed as a separate line item.
- c. Any demurrage is to be paid by the Contractor direct to the railroad or carrier.

Nondiscrimination

- a. The Contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
- b. All solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations, will be relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
 - 1) **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, MoDOT shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - i. withholding of payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies, and/or,
 - ii. cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

Contract/Purchase Order

- a. By submitting a bid/quote/proposal, the Bidder/Offeror agrees to furnish any and all equipment, supplies and/or services specified in the solicitation documents, at the prices quoted, pursuant to all requirements and specifications contained therein.
- b. A binding contract shall consist of: (1) the solicitation documents, amendments thereto, and/or Best and Final Offer (BAFO) request(s) with any changes/additions, (2) the Contractor's proposal and/or submitted pricing, and (3) the MHTC's acceptance of the proposal and/or bid by purchase order or post-award contract.
- c. A notice of award does not constitute an authorization for shipment of equipment or supplies or a directive to proceed with services. Before providing equipment, supplies and/or services, the Contractor must receive a properly authorized purchase order and/or notice to proceed.
- d. The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties and performance shall be governed solely by the specifications and requirements contained therein. Any change, whether by modification and/or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representative of the Contractor and the duly authorized representative of the MHTC, by a modified purchase order prior to the effective date of such modification. The Contractor expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document, including correspondence, acts, and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment or modification.

Subcontracting

- a. It is specifically understood that no portion of the material or any interest in the contract, shall be subcontracted, transferred, assigned or otherwise disposed of, except with the written consent of MoDOT. Request for permission to subcontract or otherwise dispose of any part of the work shall be in writing to MoDOT and accompanied by documentation showing that the organization which will perform the work is particularly experienced and equipped for such work.
- b. Consent to subcontract or otherwise dispose of any portion of the work shall not be construed to relieve the Contractor of any responsibility for the

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production and delivery of the contracted work and the completion of the work within the specified time.

- c. All payments for work performed by a subcontractor shall be made to the Contractor to whom the contract was awarded and the purchase order issued.

Invoicing and Payment

- a. MoDOT is exempt from paying Missouri Sales Tax, Missouri Use Tax and Federal Excise Tax. However, the Contractor may themselves be responsible for the payment of taxes on materials they purchase to fulfill the contract. A Federal Excise Tax Exemption Certificate will be furnished to the successful Bidder/Officer upon request.
- b. Each invoice should be itemized in accordance with items listed on the purchase order and/or contract. The statewide financial management system has been designed to capture certain receipt and payment information. Therefore, each invoice submitted must reference the purchase order number and must be itemized in accordance with items listed on the purchase order. Failure to comply with this requirement may delay processing of invoices for payment.
- c. Unless otherwise provided for in the solicitation documents, payment for all equipment, supplies, and/or services required herein shall be made in arrears. The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) shall not make any advance deposits.
- d. The MHTC assumes no obligation for equipment, supplies, and/or services shipped or provided in excess of the quantity ordered. Any authorized quantity is subject to the MHTC's rejection and shall be returned at the Contractor's expense.
- e. The MHTC reserves the right to purchase goods and services using the state-purchasing card.

Applicable Laws and Regulations

- a. The contract shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Missouri. The Contractor shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the performance of the contract.
- b. The Contractor must be registered and maintain good standing with the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri and other regulatory agencies, as may be required by law or regulations. Prior to the issuance of a purchase order and/or notice to proceed, the Contractor may be required to submit to MoDOT a copy of their current Authority Certificate from the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri.
- 1) Prior to the issuance of a purchase order and/or notice to proceed, all **out-of-state** Contractors **providing services** within the state of Missouri must submit to MoDOT a copy of their current Transient Employer Certificate from the Department of Revenue, in addition to a copy of their current Authority Certificate from the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri.
- c. The exclusive venue for any legal proceeding relating to or arising, out of the contract shall be in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri.

Executive Order

- a. The Contractor shall comply with all the provisions of Executive Order 07-13, issued by the Honorable Matt Blunt, Governor of Missouri, on the sixth (6th) day of March, 2007. This Executive Order, which promulgates the State of Missouri's position to not tolerate persons who contract with the state engaging in or supporting illegal activities of employing individuals who are not eligible to work in the United States, is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement.
- 1) "By signing this Agreement, the Contractor hereby certifies that any employee of the Contractor assigned to perform services under the contract is eligible and authorized to work in the United States in compliance with federal law."
- 2) In the event the Contractor fails to comply with the provisions of the Executive Order 07-13, or in the event the Commission has reasonable cause to believe that the contractor has knowingly employed individuals who are not eligible to work in the United States in violation of federal law, the Commission reserves the right to impose such contract sanctions as it may determine to be appropriate, including but not limited to contract cancellation, termination or suspension in whole or in part or both.
- 3) The Contractor shall include the provisions of this paragraph in every subcontract. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance.

Preferences

- a. In the evaluation of bids/quotes/proposals, preferences shall be applied in accordance with Chapter 34-RSMo. Contractors should apply the same preferences in selecting subcontractors.
- b. By virtue of statutory authority, RSMo. 34.076 and 34.350 to 34.359, a preference will be given to materials, products, supplies, provisions and all other articles produced, manufactured, made or grown within the State of Missouri. Such preference shall be given when quality is equal or better and delivered price is the same or less.
- 1) If attached, the document entitled **"PREFERENCE IN PURCHASING PRODUCTS"** should be completed and returned with the solicitation documents.
- 2) If attached, the document entitled **"MISSOURI DOMESTIC PRODUCTS PROCUREMENT ACT"** should be completed and returned with the solicitation documents. **Applies if bid is Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or more.**
- c. In the event of a tie of low bids, the MHTC reserves the right to establish the method to be used in determining the award

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Remedies and Rights

- a. No provision in the contract shall be construed, expressly or implied, as a waiver by the MHTC of any existing or future right and/or remedy available by law in the event of any claim by the MHTC of the Contractor's default or breach of contract.
- b. The Contractor agrees and understands that the contract shall constitute an assignment by the Contractor to the MHTC of all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action that the Contractor may have under the antitrust laws of the United States or State of Missouri for which causes of action have accrued or will accrue as the result of or in relation to the particular equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased or produced by the Contractor in the fulfillment of the contract with the MHTC.
- c. In the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request MoDOT to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the MHTC, and, in addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Cancellation of Contract

- a. The MHTC may cancel the contract at any time for a material breach of contractual obligations or for convenience by providing the Contractor with written notice of cancellation. Should the MHTC exercise its right to cancel the contract for such reasons, cancellation will become effective upon the date specified in the notice of cancellation sent to the Contractor.
- b. If the MHTC cancels the contract for breach, the MHTC reserves the right to obtain the equipment, supplies, and/or services to be provided pursuant to the contract from other sources and upon such terms and in such manner as the MHTC deems appropriate and charge the Contractor for any additional costs incurred thereby.

Bankruptcy or Insolvency

- a. Upon filing for any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding by or against the Contractor, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assigned the benefit or creditors, the Contractor must notify MoDOT immediately. Upon learning of any such actions, the MHTC reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to either cancel the contract or affirm the contract and hold the Contractor responsible for damages.

Inventions, Patents, and Copyrights

- a. The Contractor shall defend, protect, and hold harmless the MHTC, its officers, agents, and employees against all suits of law or in equity resulting from patent and copyright infringement concerning the Contractor's performance or products produced under the terms of the contract.

Inspection and Acceptance

- a. No equipment, supplies, and/or services received by MoDOT pursuant to a contract shall be deemed accepted until MoDOT has had reasonable opportunity to inspect said equipment, supplies, and/or services.
- b. All equipment, supplies, and/or services which do not comply with the specifications and/or requirements or which are otherwise unacceptable or defective may be rejected. In addition, all equipment, supplies, and/or services which are discovered to be defective or which do not conform to any warranty of the Contractor upon inspection (or at any later time if the defects contained were not reasonably ascertainable upon the initial inspection) may be rejected.
- c. The MHTC reserves the right to return any such rejected shipment at the Contractor's expense for full credit or replacement and to specify a reasonable date by which replacements must be received.
- d. The MHTC's right to reject any unacceptable equipment, supplies, and/or services shall not exclude any other legal, equitable or contractual remedies the MHTC may have.

Warranty

- a. The Contractor expressly warrants that all equipment, supplies, and/or services provided shall: (1) conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample or other description which was furnished to or adopted by MoDOT, (2) be fit and sufficient for the purpose expressed in the solicitation documents, (3) be merchantable, (4) be of good materials and workmanship, and (5) be free from defect.
- b. Such warranty shall survive delivery and shall not be deemed waived either by reason of the MHTC's acceptance of or payment for said equipment, supplies, and/or services.

Status of Independent Contractor

- a. The Contractor represents itself to be an independent Contractor offering such services to the general public and shall not represent itself or its employees to be an employee of the MHTC. Therefore, the Contractor shall assume all legal and financial responsibility for taxes, FICA, employee fringe benefits, workers' compensation, employee insurance, minimum wage requirements, overtime, etc., and agrees to indemnify, save and hold the MHTC, its officers, agents and employees harmless from and against any and all losses (including attorney fees) and damage of any kind related to such matters.

Indemnification

- a. The Offeror shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Commission, including its members and department employees, from any claim or liability whether based on a claim for damages to real or personal property or to a person for any matter relating to or arising out of the Offeror's performance of its obligations under this Agreement.